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Classified By: Charge d'affaires a.i. Bruce D. Rogers. Reason: 1.4 (b)

(C) A/DCM delivered reftel demarch to Peteris Ustubs, MFA Under Secretary of State and Political Director. Ustubs stated that Latvia is on the drafting committee for the declaration and is interested in coordinating with us in Geneva. He referred us to Janis Mazeiks, Latvia's Ambassador to the Permanent UN Mission in Geneva. Ustubs added that he knows a number of EU member states are unhappy with the current draft of the declaration. He said the Dutch and Danes told the GOL that if the language can't be improved they might consider not going to the conference. Ustubs said that the GOL's position would be complicated because they while are on the drafting committee, Holland and Denmark are two countries that Latvia tends to align with on issues like this.
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